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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Arthur May Knapp died at Newtonville, Mass., on January 29, in his eightieth year. He had held pastorates at Providence, R.I., Bangor, Me., Watertown and Fall River, Mass., and was the pioneer representative of the Association in Japan.

Rev. J. C. Kent has resigned at Northboro, Mass., to accept a call to Nantucket, Mass.

Rev. H. J. Adlard has resigned at Ottawa, Canada, to accept a call to Duluth, Minn.

Rev. E. M. Cosgrove has resigned at Helena, Mont., to accept a call to Spokane, Wash.

Rev. H. N. Fifer has accepted a call to Santa Barbara, Calif., and Rev. O. B. Hawes to Summit, N.J.

Rev. E. Fairley was installed at Flushing, N.Y., on January 23, Rev. C. W. Casson at East Boston, Mass., on January 27, Rev. A. L. Weatherly at Roslindale, Mass., on January 30, Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr., at Lowell, Mass., on January 31, Rev. H. E. Kellington at Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 6, and Rev. H. C. Gale at Beverly, Mass., on February 13.

Buildings

All Souls Church and parish house in Lowell, Mass., were dedicated on January 30–31. On Sunday morning came the dedication of the church proper, which is the made-over and vastly improved and embellished building of the High Street Church. In the afternoon the splendid new organ was dedicated. On Monday afternoon the convenient and commodious parish house, which is an entirely new construction, was dedicated. The whole group of buildings now affords one of the best church plants in the State.

A generous friend has provided for the alteration and improvement of the parish house of the Second Society in Brookline, Mass., which will not only offer new facilities for social and religious work but also bring the exterior of the parish house into accord with the architecture of the adjoining church building.

Extensive plans are being prepared for the building of a parish house in connection with the church of the Second Parish in Worcester. At the same time a new roof will be put upon the main church building and the interior of the noble old church redecorated.

Journeys

The President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, is engaged upon a journey during which he will visit the churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, and Florida, returning to Boston just before Easter Sunday.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Simons, is also in the field, visiting the churches along the line of Erie, Pa., Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, and Charleston, W. Va.

The Associate Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, Miss Buck, will attend the Southern Conference in New Orleans at the end of this month, and will be able, on the way, to visit the churches in Louisville, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn., and in returning to visit the church in Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. A. L. Hudson, lecturer on the Billings Foundation, has completed his three months' journey. He has visited and counselled with the churches in Washington, Oregon, Central California, Utah, and Colorado.

Department of Church Extension

Within the past month our plans have worked through for re-establishing our church life and work at Duluth and Salt Lake City. Rev. H. E. Kellington has been installed in Salt Lake City, and Rev. H. J. Adlard has accepted a call to Duluth. Simply because the human factor is uncertain our plans for Seattle have had to be changed and our work of revival there is thus delayed. Rev. Oswald E. Helsing has reopened the church at St. Cloud. He will also continue his work at Underwood and Hudson. Rev. Clifton M. Gray has held services in Columbia, S.C. In connection with his work at Sacramento, Rev. Martin Fereshetian has been carrying on services at Woodland, Calif.

We have succeeded in purchasing a much-needed lot of land next to our church building in Urbana, Ill. This purchase will protect the building and also provide an opportunity for a much-needed development in connection with the University. In co-operation with the Laymen's League we are planning to meet an exceptional opportunity to advance the work of this college town church. Money has also been appropriated for a development of parish house facilities at our church in Amherst, Mass.

On February 27 Dr. Joseph Henry Crooker will start a new movement in Knoxville, Tenn. Knoxville is one of the vigorous cities of the Middle South, the seat of a university. Dr. Crooker will remain in Knoxville until the last of May.

Early in March Mr. Simons will begin services in Charleston, W. Va., and at the same time make a survey of Huntington, W. Va. Just previous to the war a society was formed in Charleston, but it was discontinued in 1917. We are now enabled to attempt another organization in this capital city.

Department of Religious Education

The second meeting of superintendents of Boston and vicinity, held at Department headquarters on January 27, was well attended. The service of worship is being discussed in these meetings, in its various aspects. A paper prepared by Miss Marguerite Emilio, superintendent at Lynn, was read to open the discussion. It was entitled, "My Aim in the Service of Worship and How I Try to Accomplish it." Discussion started at once and continued vigorously through the hour. Miss Gertrude Downing of Concord, N.H., was present, and at the invitation of the chairman closed the period by telling how certain problems presented had been met in her school.

The points brought out in the discussion were summarized as the "Findings" at this meeting, as follows:

1. *Leadership* is important for any service of worship, even the best. Let the leader keep his *aims* in mind, and give thought to the *ways* of securing them.

2. The service may well be arranged in permanent *form* in which part of the *content* (at least hymns and Psalms) may be varied from week to week.

3. A service with a *theme* is likely to make a deeper impression on children than one that is general.

4. *Quiet* and *reverence* in the church school are not synonymous terms, but the first conduces to the second.

5. The period in which an *emotional response* may be maintained is *short:* the prayer is its climax.

6. *Instruction* may be given through the service of worship that is not *didactic teaching.*

7. The *aim* of the service of worship is to bring children so consciously into the presence of God that an *emotional response* (such as awe, gratitude, joy, good-will, loyalty) is secured which will affect the life and conduct of the worshipper.

Six subjects for discussion were sent out to all who had attended these meetings, with a request that they indicate first, second, and third choices of topics for future study. Twenty-three votes were returned, and it was interesting to note that all favored the continuance of the study of the Service of Worship throughout the winter and spring meetings of the present year. The topic chosen for the meeting on February 24 was, "What Attitudes of Mind and Heart should the Service of Worship Develop, and How may these be Carried Over into Life?"

These meetings are held regularly on the last Thursday in each month at five o'clock, in the offices of the Department, with supper at 6.30 at Bulfinch Place Church. They are open to all superintendents, assistant superintendents, and those preparing to take up this work. The hour is chosen to accommodate persons who are employed in teaching or business during the day and who must travel a considerable distance after the meeting is over to reach their homes. The attendance and the interest thus far shown are most gratifying and full of promise.

The Secretaries of this Department will welcome opportunities to meet groups of our superintendents wherever possible, and to confer with them, in such groups or individually, on the problems connected with their task. Both secretaries have had much experience in the superintendency, and have had unusual opportunities to observe the conduct of our schools. They are glad to advise other superintendents, and are equally glad to receive suggestions growing out of the experience of others.

The February number of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION contains the preliminary program of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Religious Education Association which is to be held in Rochester, N.Y., March 10 to 14 inclusive. From the first, this organization has appealed to Unitarians both by the ability and spirit of the people who have been most active in it and by the purpose which has animated it. This year the general theme is to be "Education for World Fellowship," a most timely topic in view of the situation in which human society now finds itself. The Secretary and the Associate Secretary of this Department are to be in attendance. The former has been placed in charge of the meeting in the interest of religion in the home, one of the speakers on this program being Prof. Robert J. Hutcheon of Meadville Theological School. Dr. Buck is to give one of the papers before the Division of Churches and Church Schools, her topic being, "How can the Ideals of World Fellowship be Strengthened in Children?" An effort is being made to enlist the active interest of the ministers of our body in this Association. It is hoped that many of these, as well as of our church-school workers, will be able to attend the Rochester meetings.

The Wayside Pulpit and Publicity

The latest shipment of Wayside Pulpit sheets covers eleven weeks from the end of January to the middle of April. It thus includes Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, the Inauguration of the President, and Easter. Enthusiastic letters have been received

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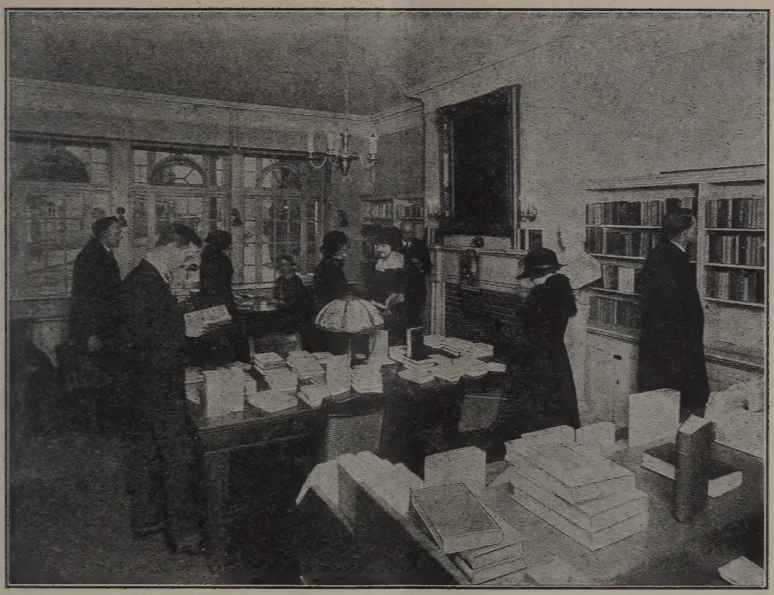

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From the President

It is my privilege to send a word of cordial greeting and appreciation to every Alliance woman in the United States and Canada, and, while thanking them for their splendid work, to urge upon their special attention three of our Alliance Appeals.

First: The church at Nashville, Tenn., needs the money for which we first asked last May. The group of Unitarians in Nashville is doing such fine work that it is a pleasure to help them with their church furnishings.

Second: The Carolina Industrial School, where Mrs. Peterson gave her devoted service. From Swansboro, where Miss Marquand and Miss Marion are doing work of inestimable value, we have lately heard from one of the neighbors that the School is the greatest blessing that ever came to the town. At Shelter Neck, where Mrs. Damon is in charge, with Miss Burrage and Miss Rigby, the trained nurse, as ideal assistants, there is a large attendance at day school, and there are ten boarding pupils, six girls and four boys. The girls are learning to perform household duties, the boys to work on the farm. Kimball House is occupied by these girls, with the teachers. It is rejoicing in paint, which was paid for by the Shelter Neck Alliance women, who gathered and sent North the bunches of pine fagots.

Third: The third Appeal, which I want to emphasize, is for general Alliance work. Our opportunities are constantly increasing. The hopeful sign of our life is that we are growing all the time. In order to meet the demands, we must have money for administration, for the committees, and for the cost of travel.

We always count on our Alliance branches. They never fail us. We are eager to prove that we are worthy of the trust imposed upon us by the Campaign Committee, when it voted us the $75,000 which will be available later, and with the income of which we hope to employ a Field Secretary. Now is a chance to show our sense of responsibility to the Unitarian cause, so let us rally promptly, and send in the money to finish all the Appeals.

Lucy Lowell.

Religious Fellowship

"To quicken the religious life of our churches, and to bring Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women into closer co-operation and fellowship": this is the first object of the British League, the *first* and to my mind the most important object.

I often wonder whether it has seemed presumptuous on the part of our women to state so boldly what they stand for. Does not this duty of "quickening the religious life of our churches" devolve rather upon the minister who has been chosen to lead each congregation? Yes, indeed it does! But I think he or she will be the first to recognize that churches are made up of individuals, and that if they are to glow with the warmth of religious life each individual member must bring his or her own contribution of faith, love, and enthusiasm, and so create the atmosphere in which our souls may live and our strength be renewed.

We need to give ourselves in our worship, and so only can we hope to gain by our fellowship together. Is it not this same idea that is spreading amongst our men as well as our women and that has resulted here in the formation of the Unitarian Laymen's League? They too are feeling that they must each give their individual contribution towards our com-

mon religious life together, by sharing in the worship and the work of our churches, and by passing on to others light from the Torch which guides their own steps through this difficult world.

Our British League is but young compared with your great Women's Alliance. We have just published our Twelfth Annual Report, whereas your association has seen thirty years of service. Some of us in England heard, chiefly through Miss Helen Brooke Herford, of the steady growth of your Alliance, and how you were giving such valuable service to the churches you love. We felt that we too across the ocean might with advantage organize ourselves, and work together in the same way for mutual inspiration and help.

I should like to say here, at once, how very much we owe to Miss Helen Brooke Herford, who has been our most devoted Honorary Organizing Secretary from the very beginning. She sent by me a message of love and greeting to all her friends in Boston, which I am glad to deliver here, feeling sure that many of those present remember her and her sisters with kindliest thoughts and real affection.

The growth of our British League has been slow. We are a cautious people, as you may have heard; we do not rush in crowds after any new ideas; we like to feel that one foot is firmly planted before we put the other forward on an unknown path. But we knew that if we held to the religious basis and built up our League's work on that foundation, we need not fear failure or defeat. This Unitarian faith which we hold so dear teaches us to include with our love of God the love of man. It urges us to service, to do our part in the world to help and to uplift. Therefore there is scope for plenty of practical work in our Women's League. To Mrs. Bernard Allen's appeal during the years of war, for clothing, etc., for the Belgian hospitals and refugees, for whom she worked so faithfully and well, our branches gave a whole-hearted response, and enabled her to supply much that was needed by that stricken people. Three weeks ago I attended the League Executive Committee in London, and heard that Mrs. Bernard Allen has just undertaken the huge correspondence involved in finding homes for two hundred Hungarian children who are coming to England to be cared for. It may interest you to know that the grand-daughter of the venerable Bishop Ferencz is by this time made at home in our Channing House School.

There is room in our League for all ages and for all types of women, and each branch is left free to work towards our expressed objects in ways which best suit its circumstances and its surroundings. Yet all the time we know that our *doings* are but the expression of a deeper side of our women, which they would often fain hide away even from themselves. We have yet to learn the value of times of quiet, times of stillness, when we can recognize the claims of that higher nature within, and trim our lamps afresh, and draw upon the sources which will renew our strength. We need to develop a deeper fellowship with each other, to encourage each other to share our aspirations and higher thoughts. We must become not only true disciples but also apostles.

One of the pressing questions to be faced by us in England is how to hold the younger generation as they pass away from the influences of home and Sunday-school out into a larger world and probably away from Unitarian church and friendships. Here we thought our League could help in practical ways, but always working from our religious basis, and our "Fellowship" work was evolved. Gradually, slowly but surely, this has become a very living thing. You have seen Grace Mitchell. You know how her heart is in this side of our work; you know her energy, her power of seeing

visions ahead, her zeal for our faith and all it might mean to us.

I would tell you of the joy and gratitude with which we, in our committee room at Essex Hall,—dark and small perhaps,—received friendly assurances from overseas that our women and girls coming out to settle in the States, in Canada, in Australia and New Zealand, would be put in touch with Unitarians on this side, as far as was possible. In the days far back before the war we already felt that links were being formed, forged out of international good-will, and that a liberal Christian faith held in common was a real and very sacred bond between us. The co-operation between us and your Alliance has steadily developed and increased through kindly correspondence during the last few years, and now the still more satisfactory stage has been reached of personal communication, which is sure to lead to an ever better understanding between us. I am grateful indeed to your Women's Alliance for having invited me to represent our League amongst you, and for having so generously made it possible for me to accept your invitation. It will count as one of the greatest experiences of my life, and I hope to carry back with me the happy recollection of new friends gained during my stay, of whose sympathy and good-will I may feel certain whatever betides. In striving after the international good-will which we desire so earnestly to-day, we must multiply our individual friendships, we must learn to understand each other better, and work outwards from "the human end." Your Alliance and our Women's League are already doing this through the Fellowship in Faith which is so dear to all our hearts.

Let me give you a picture to carry in your mind in illustration of this. When I think of religious fellowship and how it may be found if we seek for it, a picture rises before me of a beautiful still pool, shaded by trees perhaps, reflecting lovely ferns and plants around it, lonely and undisturbed. An impulse, which I do not like to call a stone, for it is a warm and living human impulse coming from above, falls into the pool and stirs it into life. Ever-widening rings appear upon its surface and we have our League represented at work.

The first ring represents the women of a congregation forming a branch. The idea of fellowship broadens and spreads to a wider circle, possibly to other churches in the same town, and you have the second ring. These churches reach out to others in their county, and "neighborhood meetings" are the result,—the third ring.

Still we seek for further souls needing sympathy and religious fellowship, as we hold out friendly and *understanding* hands to lonely and isolated women all over the country,—a fourth ring.

The fifth ring takes us into happy connection with places in our Overseas Dominions, and in the United States, and means so much to some folks who have gone away from the old country to make their homes there!

Then we can say that the sixth ring brings us in touch with liberal religion on the Continent—here indeed may be a basis upon which to build up international understanding and good-will.

The spirit of religious fellowship knows no bounds. Neither do I know the depth of my pool, nor how many rings will appear as my stone sinks deeper and deeper into its very heart. But I believe most earnestly that "the more room we give in our hearts to our fellow-creatures, the more room there is left for God."

(From the address of Mrs. W. Blake Odgers, given at Unity House, Boston, October 7, 1920.)

Executive Board

The 326th meeting of the Executive Board was held in the Fifield Memorial

Room, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, February 11, Miss Lowell presiding. Thirty-four were present.

A message of loving sympathy was voted to Mrs. Davis in her bereavement. Mr. Davis's death occurred January 29.

Miss Lowell held a devotional service. She spoke of the appreciation of the January meeting on the part of Schenectady, and the satisfaction of the Board that the conference was shared with so many Alliance women of that district. She has attended a neighborhood meeting in Lincoln, Mass. She announced a contribution of more than $1,300 to the Unitarian Campaign from the society of Hamburg, N.Y., through the interest of the Alliance branch and the director.

The Treasurer announced that with expert advice the money received from the Campaign has been invested. A new life member is Dr. Margaret M. Poole of Fall River, Mass. The name of Mrs. Herbert Bruce Shute has been added to the Memorial list by the Samaritan Branch, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Southern Circuit committee told of the recent visit of Rev. Clifton M. Gray, at the request of the committee, to North Carolina. He finds the work well worth continuing and writes in highest terms of the service Miss Marquand and Miss Marion are rendering in the Swansboro Circuit. Mr. Gray met Mr. Cowan, but on account of the flooded roads they were unable to reach Shelter Neck.

Mrs. Voigt, for the International committee, appealed for help for Mrs. Weller, who is in her sixth year of hospital service in France. It was voted that $10 be sent her from the Missionary Fund, together with the loving greetings of the Board.

Mrs. St. John has received over $700 for the suffering Unitarian children of Hungary, from 11 branches and 50 individuals. Mr. Hankinson, who is in charge of the work, reports that one day-nursery has been opened for these children, from money sent by the British League.

The Fellowship committee has heard from 63 branches in 19 States, and 71 Fellowship members are enrolled. The Friendly Links committee is in touch with 101 branches, and 126 links have been made.

The Sunday School committee announced that Miss Mary N. Phillips, after a week in Baltimore, Md., is serving for six weeks the schools in Richmond and Highland Springs, Va.

The following committees have been appointed: May Meetings committee, Miss Mary C. Sawyer, *Chairman;* Mmes. Atherton, Bailey, Beard, Bonny, Sears, Shaw. Manual committee, to co-operate with Mrs. Davis: Mrs. Noyes, *Chairman;* Mmes. Peterson, Richardson, H. S. Taylor.

Rev. E. Rosalind Lee spoke of the interest of the British League in helping the Hungarian children, under the able leadership of Mrs. Bernard Allen, who did so much in behalf of the Belgian Hospital Fund. Miss Lee feels that no one could be found better fitted to administer relief at Budapest than Rev. Mr. Hankinson.

Greetings were voted to the Southeast Wales District League of Unitarian Women.

Miss Pfleghaar, Secretary of the Y. P. R. U., spoke of ways in which Alliance branches may more effectively co-operate with local Unions. One particular way is to help young people to attend Young People's Week at the Isles of Shoals next summer.

Pacific Coast reports were full of interesting items about efforts for the Sunday-school, co-operation with the Field Secretary of the Y. P. R. U., Mrs. Thompson, contributions to the Unitarian Campaign, etc. "A note of earnest effort and high ideals is common to all," writes one director. The same might be said of the reports submitted by five Massachusetts directors.

Caroline S. Atherton,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowship

We welcome a new Junior Alliance in Whitman, Mass., with officers as follows: *President,* Miss Iva Perkins; *Secretary,* Miss Lois Peterson, 66 Erin Street; *Treasurer,* Miss Sylvia Chandler.

Our Juniors are showing great interest in Friendly Links. The first reply came from the group in St. Louis, Mo., who sent four names. The new Junior Alliance in Eastport, Me., wrote that all their members would like to start "links." Twelve names came from Concord, N.H., and several from Fairhaven, Jamaica Plain, Natick, and Concord, Mass. Here are reports from two groups:

Orange, N.J. There are ten girls in our Junior Alliance and we hold our meetings the first Friday of every month. By selling candy at church entertainments last spring, we raised enough money to buy a flag, which we presented to the Sunday-school on Memorial Day. At the fair held by the Alliance in December, we had charge of the candy table, and received the proceeds, $22. We also had charge of the play given at Christmas in the Sunday-school. To this one hundred and fifty poor children were invited, and I think they all enjoyed it. Our girls wait on table at all church suppers, and at all times we are ready to fill orders for cake and candy.

Fairhaven, Mass. Our meetings are held every other Monday night, and this year our membership is twenty-five, girls from the age of twelve and up. In October we made scrapbooks for the children at the hospital, and in November at the Senior Alliance fair we helped the candy table by making a very large number of cornballs. Every year at Christmas we supply the decorations for our church and send candy and gifts for each child at the Sanitarium. At Easter and Christmas we send a Victrola record to the sufferers on Penikese Island. Instead of a play this year we are planning to have a sale to raise money. Also, our director thought it would be nice for each girl to earn a dollar in some different way from usual. We are given until March, and at that time we are to bring a note, telling how the money was earned.

The girls are all in favor of joining Friendly Links, and at our next meeting will bring their names and addresses.

Friendly Links

The Friendly Links Committee have received so many interesting and delightful letters that they wish they might share them with all the branches. The response from all over the country has been most encouraging. Thus far nearly one-fourth of the branches have replied, and more than one hundred "links" have been made. A few quotations from the letters received may be of interest:

From three Canadian branches:—"The Friendly Links Society promises to be a great help to the women of our faith, and will, I trust, be the means of drawing us all more closely together."

"I have long felt we ought to know more about one another and the work we are all trying to do, so I am glad to see this new branch of Alliance work undertaken and will do all I can to make it succeed."

"I cannot tell you how much these people seem to appreciate the links, or what comfort they receive through them. I am sure there are wonderful possibilities for all in them."

From the Middle West: "We are all pleased with the idea of Friendly Links, for we, too, believe there may be much help in knowing our neighbors."

"The work of Friendly Links appeals very strongly to me. An exchange of ideas in methods of work, in increasing membership, and in whatever is hopeful and stimulating, seems to me one of the great things to work for."

From the South: "The Friendly Links idea is, I think, an especially valuable one for us, and for other small and isolated branches that are so apt to forget what a big thing we are."

From Washington: "I wish your committee to know that I have heard from England, and I think I have found just the sort of link I hoped I might get."

From Maine: "I have read to our Alliance a most interesting letter from our link in the West, and I can already see how much help in creating a feeling of fellowship and a sense of belonging to a big and good cause this idea is going to engender, and you may be assured of our hearty co-operation."

Note the following changes: DELAWARE, Wilmington, *Pres.*, Mrs. William Betts, 1211 Gilpin Ave., *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. W. H. Farmer, 2206 Gilpin Ave.; CALIFORNIA, Redlands, *Treas.*, Mrs. A. E. Ball, West Cypress Ave.; Sacramento, *Pres.*, Miss Naomi Canon, 3322 L St.

New York League

The fourth regular meeting of the New York League was held at the First Unitarian Church, Brooklyn, on Friday, February 4, Mrs. Edgar S. Wiers in the chair. Mrs. Ambrose made appeal both for the League and for the little French child adopted by the League during the war.

Mrs. Wilcox, the wife of one of the trustees of Tuskegee Institute, gave an interesting account of a visit to the school. She also spoke of the White Memorial, a building given by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. White as a memorial to their parents and daughter. There is a little school on the hill for children, where they are taught all trades.

Mrs. Wilcox then introduced Dr. Moton, the head of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. He said there are 210 teachers, all colored, and many disabled soldiers are being taught. The Institute has its own power plant for electric lighting, and for the production of ice. All things are kept up to the standard set by Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Dr. Moton when asked if the race problem would ever be settled said there must be good-will towards men, and they will adjust themselves to the community. They ask for justice in the courts, and fair treatment in the cars, and a strong public sentiment against the crime of lynching.

THE SPECIAL SERMON, for Good Friday, is entitled "The Meaning of the Cross," and was written by Prof. Clayton R. Bowen. Two thousand copies will be sent to San Francisco and New York. Post Office Mission workers on the Pacific Coast will obtain their supply from San Francisco Headquarters, Room 570, Phelan Building, 760 Market Street. Workers in the Middle States will apply to New York Headquarters, 104 East 20th Street, New York, N.Y.

The Anna D. Sparks Alliance of Alton, Ill., has recently been honored by a gift of $5,000 from the five surviving children of Capt. D. R. Sparks and his wife, Mrs. Anna D. Sparks, for whom the Society was named. This endowment is in the form of Liberty bonds, the interest of which is to be used every year for charitable purposes. The first half-year's income swelled the annual Christmas Shoe Fund, making it possible to buy a pair of shoes and two pairs of stockings for more than fifty needy children.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, Monday, March 7, at 10.30. Speakers, Miss Mary C. Sawyer, Chairman of the Fellowship Committee, and Miss Mary F. Gill, Chairman of the Friendly Links.

Appeals stand as follows:

Pacific School	$38
Sunday School Worker	434
Nashville	406
Carolina Industrial School	833
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	454
General Alliance Work	1,086
Italian Mission, Mme. Giulio Benso	66

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Work on the Pacific Coast

On the Pacific Coast, the time and energy of the new field worker have been divided between the local student work in connection with the University of California and the more extended field work throughout the churches on the Pacific Coast. Peculiar conditions have to be reckoned with in this region because of the small number of Unitarian churches (and the small number of these which have settled ministers) and their isolation from one another.

Up until November, nothing more than this was possible (aside from the local work), but during that month four visits were made. I visited San José twice,—once to speak to the Alliance members, and once to meet with the congregation, both old and young, to tell of the young people's needs and their work. One visit each was made to Sacramento and Woodland, where at the invitation of Rev. Martin Fereshetian I occupied his pulpits and made an appeal for the youth in our churches.

During the month of December and the early part of January I visited Eugene and Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.; and Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. Addressed Alliance meetings at Eugene and Seattle, spoke from the pulpits at Eugene and Victoria, attended and spoke at a social meeting of the congregation at Vancouver, attended twice and spoke at Young People's meetings in Portland, and met with the young people and organized them into a Young People's Society at Eugene. Here twenty-five young people sat down to dinner. After dinner we adjourned to the church parlor and held a meeting, at which time I told them of the young people's work and something of what I have been trying to do. It was a very enthusiastic meeting, and when it came to the point where I asked them how many of them wanted to organize then and there, there was a fine show of hands. Officers were elected on the spot: President, Miss Fannie Ruth Alderman; Vice-President, Mr. Ian Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Richards.

Personal visits to the homes were also made in some of these places, and besides being enjoyable, were of real value in giving the personal contact and the exchange of point of view. In some of these small Western churches there literally are no young people. The two things needed in such places are: first, the holding of the children through the church school, and second, the reaching out to draw in people who, because of their attitude and sympathies, should be in the Unitarian Church but are not. *Our Campaign must somehow reach these people.*

The local work in Berkeley has included, among other things, acting as adviser for the Channing Club, and calling on Unitarian women students. An attempt has been made to reach the Unitarian women at Mills College, and two of them have responded to the Channing Club's invitations. A part of this local work will now be taken over by the Student Secretary furnished by the College Centers Committee of The Alliance, who will work in co-operation with the field worker of the Y. P. R. U.

On January 24 I shall start on a field trip to Southern California, my itinerary to include Fresno, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Redlands, Hemet, Pomona, San Diego, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, and possibly Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,

Mrs. CHARLES H. THOMPSON, Jr.,
Field Worker of the Y. P. R. U.

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Prohibition Benefits

Although ten States (Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Louisiana, California) have failed to co-operate with the Federal Government by passing concurrent enforcement codes for the Eighteenth Amendment, substantial benefits are seen on every hand. In addition to the foregoing States, Wisconsin and Ohio have codes not up to the standard of the Volstead Act. The following brief summary only suggests the diversity and character of benefits:

Arrests for drunkenness in Boston for one year ending July 1, 1920, dropped 68 per cent. below the previous year. Total arrests *for all offences* during same period were 5,287 *less than for drunkenness alone* the preceding year.

In Massachusetts the jails at Taunton, Fitchburg, Lowell, and Newburyport have been permanently closed, one building at the Deer Island House of Correction closed, and prison camps much reduced. Many county jails have been empty for months.

Boston has had 1,063 fewer delinquent children under Federal Prohibition, a decrease of 29 per cent. Of two "Bedding Houses" in Boston which formerly housed 100,000 transients annually, one is closed and the other cares for one-third of its former number. The Washingtonian Home, a private institution for alcoholics, has reduced its monthly clientele from 120 to 30.

Deaths in Boston from alcoholism, accidents, homicides, and suicides fell from an average of 992 annually for the four previous years to 650 during the first year of Prohibition. In Massachusetts venereal disease cases reported decreased 30 per cent. during the first year of Prohibition.

In Chicago, John Robertson, Health Commissioner, says, "We had 235 cases of alcoholic pneumonia in the county hospital in September, 1917, 230 in September, 1918, and 71 in September, 1919."

In New York, Bellevue Hospital, which formerly cared for about 1,300 alcoholics monthly, now has (September, 1920) less than 250.

In New York, deaths from tuberculosis decreased in 1919 more than 2,000 below the previous yearly average. The general death rate in that city fell from 16.71 per 1,000 in 1918 to 12.39 in 1919.

New York, Chicago, Washington, New Orleans, Detroit, Newark, Providence, and Dayton now have the lowest death rates in their history.

In reply to specific inquiry, the following lines of business attributed substantial increase to Prohibition: Boots and shoes, wholesalers, department stores, merchant tailors, millinery, furniture, theatres and movies, foodstuffs, magazines, hotels, banks, collection agencies, real estate, etc., etc.

More detailed accounts from authoritative sources will be found in the *Scientific Temperance Journal* for September, 1920, and the *Survey* for November 6, 1920, from which the above data are taken.

Reinforce these benefits by insisting that your State Legislature shall harmonize its laws with the Federal Code.

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